

State	Average NAEP Reading scale score		1994-1998 gain (in scale score points)
	Grade 4 (1994)	Grade 8 (1998)	
U.S.	212	261	49
Alabama	208	255	47
Arizona	206	261	55
Arkansas	209	256	47
California	197	253	56
Colorado	213	264	51
Connecticut	222	272	50
Delaware	206	256	50
District of Columbia	179	236	57
Florida	205	253	48
Georgia	207	257	50
Hawaii	201	250	49
Iowa	223	▲	▲
Kansas	▲	268	▲
Kentucky	212	262	50
Louisiana	197	252	55
Maine	228	273	45
Maryland	210	262	52
Massachusetts	223	269	46
Minnesota	218	267	49
Mississippi	202	251	49

States marked in green showed above expected growth in reading achievement between Grades 4 and 8.

States marked in grey showed below expected growth in reading achievement between Grades 4 and 8.

State	Average NAEP Reading scale score		1994-1998 gain (in scale score points)
	Grade 4 (1994)	Grade 8 (1998)	
Missouri	217	263	46
Montana	222	270	48
Nevada	▲	257	▲
New Hampshire	223	▲	▲
New Mexico	205	258	53
New York	212	266	54
North Carolina	214	264	50
Oklahoma	▲	265	▲
Oregon	▲	266	▲
Rhode Island	220	262	42
South Carolina	203	255	52
Tennessee	213	259	46
Texas	212	262	50
Utah	217	265	48
Virginia	213	266	53
Washington	213	265	52
West Virginia	213	262	49
Wisconsin	224	266	42
Wyoming	221	262	41
Virgin Islands	▲	233	▲

Above Expected = significantly higher than the national rate of growth

Expected = not significantly different from the average national rate of growth

Below Expected = significantly lower than the national rate of growth

▲ Growth in reading achievement between Grades 4 and 8 cannot be determined because state did not participate in the 1994 NAEP reading assessment at Grade 4 and/or the 1998 NAEP reading assessment at Grade 8.

See Table C-4 (pages 149-151) for tests of significance between individual state gains and national gain.